

Sinclair Broadcasting's unbalanced, divisive, decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is an outrage and a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair is supposed to be ALLOWED to use the public airwaves free of charge. As such, they are obligated by law to serve the public interest. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Their blatant disregard and ignorance of their local markets says much. It's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.